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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Michael Guest
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Congressman Michael Guest
City of Meridian
Sewer Trunk Line Rehabilitation and Replacement**

Dear Mr. Guest:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alliance For Growth (*Lauderdale County's Committee of 100 for Economic Development*), we offer this letter of support for the City of Meridian's, request for federal funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of a sewer trunk line.

As you are aware Meridian is currently addressing issues identified in a Consent Decree associated with defects in the wastewater collection and treatment system that release untreated wastewater into the waters of the US.

This sewer program requires replacement and or rehabilitation of major pipelines in the collection system required to transport wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant to provide services to a large portion of the system. Cost associated with the program have estimated cost of over \$150 million.

These projects require a significant level of capital investment by the City and an increased burden on the rate payers. Congressman Guest, we are asking for your support in funding these projects through the FY24 appropriations process.

Respectfully,

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*Board of Directors (*attached*)



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Dear Mr. Guest:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation (EMBDC), we offer this letter of support for the City of Meridian's, request for federal funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of a sewer trunk line.

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Re: Sewer trunk line rehabilitation and replacement.

Dear Representative Guest,

As you are aware, Meridian is currently addressing defects in our wastewater collection and treatment system, which have been identified in a Consent Decree. Our sewer program, which currently releases untreated wastewater into the waters of the US, requires replacement and or rehabilitation of major pipelines in the collection system that are required to transport wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant that provides services to a large portion of the system. The estimated costs associated with the necessary program are more than \$150 million.

These projects require a significant level of capital investment by the City and an increased burden on our rate payers. I support the request from the City of Meridian for your support in funding these projects through the FY24 appropriations process.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Huebner, Jr., Ph.D.
President